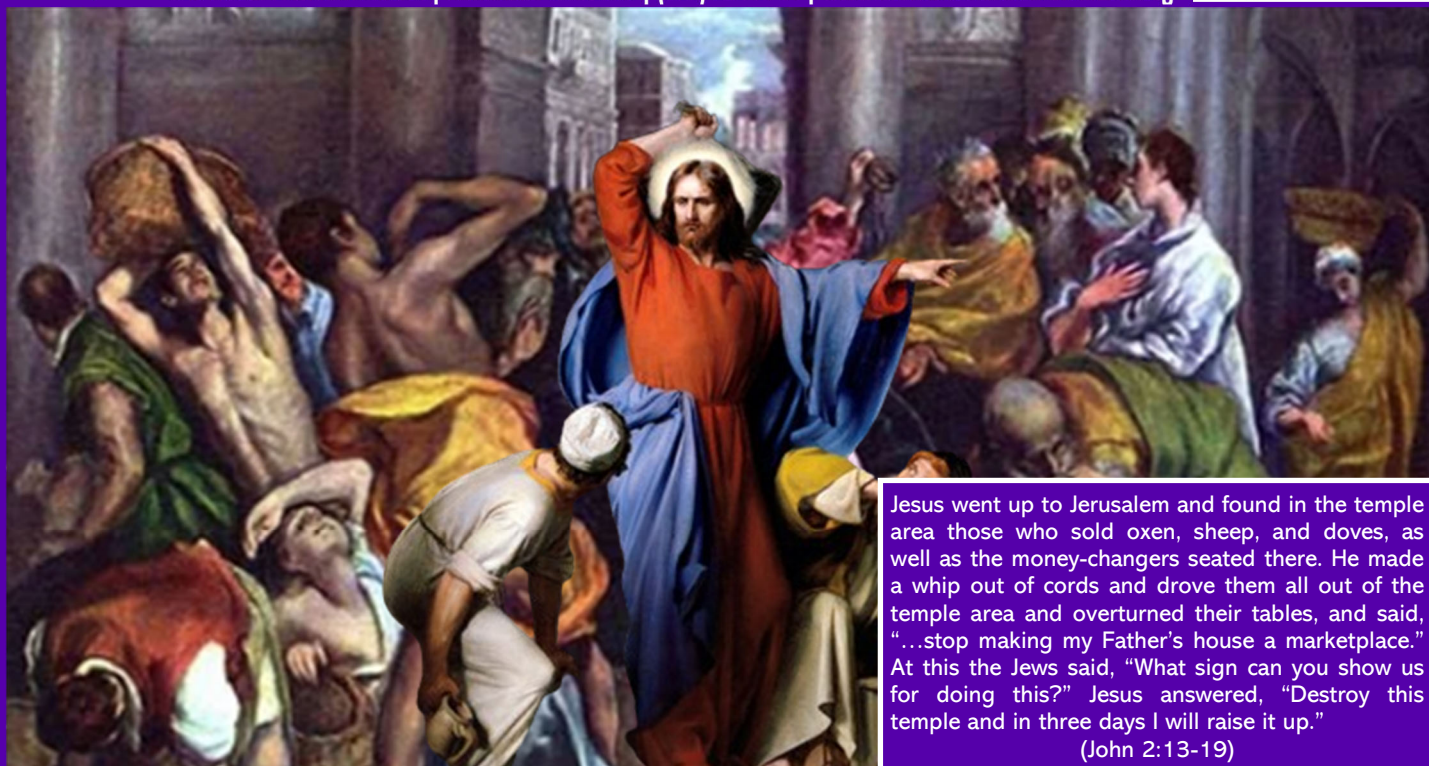


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Jesus went up to Jerusalem and found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area and overturned their tables, and said, "...stop making my Father's house a marketplace." At this the Jews said, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."
(John 2:13-19)

MASSES | CONFESSIONS

Masses: Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. & Vigil at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

And Traditional Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday Masses: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m.

Rosary: Monday-Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Monday and Tuesday evenings: *7:15 p.m. Mass

(*Monday evening Mass followed by Healing Service;

Tuesday's 7:15 p.m. is in **Spanish**).

Thursday evenings: 7:00 pm Exposition & Adoration

First Fridays: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.;

Saturdays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and

Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

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- Anointing of the Sick: Call the office

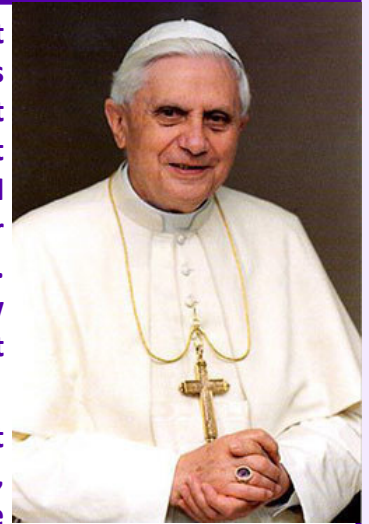
PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

We continue our meditation on the three great Lenten practices: **PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING**. Last week, we had an excerpt from Pope Benedict's 2009 Message for Lent on *fasting*. This week, it is his **2008 Message for Lent on Almsgiving**.

—Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.

Almsgiving teaches us the generosity of love. St. Joseph Benedict Cottolengo forthrightly recommends: "Never keep an account of the coins you give, since this is what I always say: if, in giving alms, the left hand is not to know what the right hand is doing, then the right hand, too, should not know what it does itself" (Detti e pensieri, Edilibri, n. 201). In this regard, all the more significant is the Gospel story of the widow who, out of her poverty, cast into the Temple treasury "all she had to live on" (Mark 12:44). Her tiny and insignificant coin becomes an eloquent symbol: this widow gives to God not out of her abundance, not so much what she has, but what she is. Her entire self.



We find this moving passage inserted in the description of the days that immediately precede Jesus' passion and death, who, as St. Paul writes, "made Himself poor to enrich us out of His poverty" (cf. 2 Cor 8:9); He gave His entire self for us. Lent, also through the practice of almsgiving, inspires us to follow His example. In His school, we can learn to make of our lives a total gift; imitating Him, we are able to make ourselves available, not so much in giving a part of what we possess, but our very selves. Cannot the entire Gospel be summarized perhaps in the one commandment of love? The Lenten practice of almsgiving thus becomes a means to deepen our Christian vocation. In gratuitously offering himself, the Christian bears witness that it is love and not material richness that determines the laws of his existence. Love, then, gives almsgiving its value; it inspires various forms of giving, according to the possibilities and conditions of each person.



Dear brothers and sisters, Lent invites us to "train ourselves" spiritually, also through the practice of almsgiving, in order to grow in charity and recognize in the poor Christ Himself. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read that the Apostle Peter said to the cripple who was begging alms at the Temple gate: "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, walk" (Acts 3,6). In giving alms, we offer something material, a sign of the greater gift that we can impart to others through the announcement and witness of Christ, in whose name is found true life. Let this time, then, be marked by a personal and community effort of attachment to Christ in order that we may be witnesses of His love.

https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/messages/len/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20071030_lent-2008.html

Lenten Events at St. Therese

Soup Night



SOUP NIGHTS & STATIONS: All are invited to the Parish Hall for Soup Night every Friday of Lent through March 22nd (from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. each of those nights). **This coming Friday's sponsor (March 8) is The Flame of Love Prayer group**, followed by: **March 15:** -40 Days for Life, Pasadena, -Live Action, -Right to Life of LA, and -Vox Vitae; and **March 22:** Retrouvaille Ministry. All freewill offerings will benefit each sponsoring group.

Also, mark your calendars for a very special Lenten event:

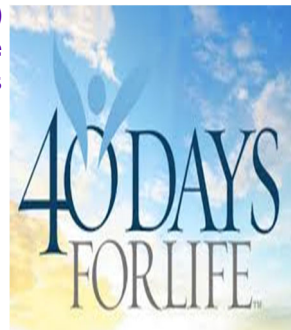
LENTEN MISSION—"St. Therese and the Spirituality of Lent": This Mission will be held from **Monday, March 11, through Thursday, March 14**, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. each evening (including Mass each evening and Confession on Wednesday, March 13). **Fr. Julius Ntalo, OCD**, one of our Carmelite friars from our Ugandan Mission will be conducting the Mission. He will begin the Mission by speaking at each of the Sunday Masses on March 9th and 10th.



Pro Life News: 40 Days for Life

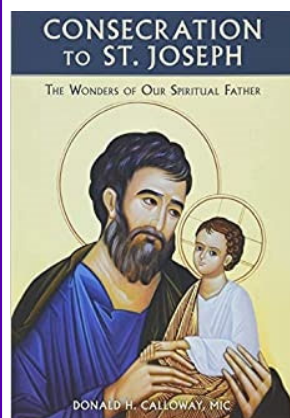
Join us in front of Pasadena Planned Parenthood (1045 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena) Monday through Saturday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. For more info, contact Rose Curiel at indigorose40daysforlife.com or (323) 528-8094. Here are some other activities in which you may be interested:

- **March 12:** Midpoint Rally in front of Planned Parenthood at 3:00 p.m.
- Rosary with the Knights of Columbus **every Saturday morning and Thursday evening**
- Stations of the Cross **every Friday at 12:10 p.m.**, with Fr. David Guzman
- Mysteries of the Rosary: **WEDNESDAYS at 4:00 p.m.**, with Fr. Burfitt
- **March 23:** ProLife Movie Night (showing Bella) at St. Therese (time to be decided)
- **March 24th** at 3:00 p.m.: Final blessing and prayers in front of Planned Parenthood



Learn more by going to the 40 Days for Life website: www.40daysforlife.com/pasadena.

Consecration to St. Joseph



The next consecration to St. Joseph will be on **Tuesday, March 19th, the Feast of Saint Joseph**, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If you would like to make this consecration, you are invited to join us at our preparation gatherings on **Wednesdays, March 6 and 13—at your choice of time: either 12:30 or 5:30 p.m.** Both times will be held in the Avila Room in the church office building. You will need the book, *Consecration to St. Joseph*, by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, which can be purchased in the office for \$15. For more info, call Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236 or email her at trinity1lord@gmail.com.

Homebound Parishioners



If you are homebound or you know of a parishioner who is homebound, elderly, or sick, and would like to have a **pastoral visit**, please call the office at (626) 282-2744.

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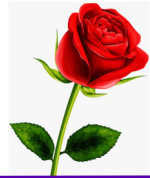
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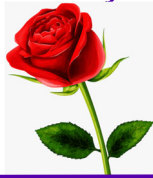
FR. JEROME APPEAL FOR THE CARMELITE NUNS

Special pink envelopes are still in the pews for making contributions to the annual Fr. Jerome Appeal. All donations will go to our Cloistered Discalced Carmelite Nuns here in Alhambra—to help provide for their daily needs and the upkeep of their monastery.

The Carmelite Monastery was instrumental in St. Therese Parish being established, and there has always been a special closeness and loving support between the parish and the monastery.

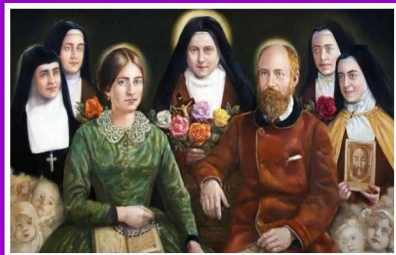


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"LET ME INTRODUCE YOU..." By Fr. Stephen F. Watson, OCD

A Weekly Feature in the Bulletin for our Parish Centennial



When I walked into the Parish Hall for the first Soup Night of Lent 2024, I was happy to see so many families. Saint Therese Carmelite School was the host, so there were many school families present. There was also a sizable contingent of home-school families who do the Stations of the Cross in our church at 5:15 p.m., on the Fridays of Lent. Looking for a place to sit, I landed next to Bernhard Tittmann, his wife Katharine, and daughter Heidi. Naturally, I wanted to know a little about them.

Realizing I had a good story for the bulletin, I started jotting down notes. I completed my interrogation (ha, ha) when I saw them the following Friday at Soup Night. This is the Tittmann story.

In 2017 the Tittmanns moved from State College, Pennsylvania, to their home on Daroca Avenue in San Gabriel—an area I call the “Panhandle of the Parish,” which extends to North Del Mar in San Gabriel. Daroca is also a city in Aragon, Spain, associated with a famous Eucharistic miracle. It would be nice to think a street in our Parish was named in honor of this. Bernie and Kay, along with Heidi, attend daily Mass.

Bernhard was born in 1935 to Austrian parents living in East Africa at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro (that should get your attention!). At the beginning of World War II, his parents returned to Vienna, Austria; after the war, his family immigrated to America. Bernhard spent his high school years in Alexandria, Virginia, and graduated from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Hughes Aircraft gave him a fellowship grant to study physics at U.C.L.A., where he earned a doctorate in 1964. Prince Philip (Queen Elizabeth’s husband) spoke at his graduation on the virtue of leisure. Go figure! After graduation, Bernhard was hired at Rockwell Science Center in Thousand Oaks. Before recently retiring, Bernhard was a Penn State professor who specialized in research in ultrasound.

In January of 1966 he met Katharine Shower at a Catholic Alumni Club event. He proposed to her in July, and they were married in December at St. Thomas More Church in Alhambra. Who is Katherine? She was born in San Antonio, Texas, the first born of a West Point graduate who fell in love with the daughter of a Navy captain who represented the Department of the Navy on the Manhattan Project. Her father was a bomber group commander during World War II. When I asked her where she grew up, she chuckled, “As a military child, EVERYWHERE!” After college, she entered the convent where she became a high school teacher. After six years, God called her to a different vocation, which brought her to the Los Angeles area. I am sure her five children are glad she was at that Catholic Alumni event in LA! The newlyweds settled in Thousand Oaks where Bernhard was working. Then, in 1989, Bernhard got his dream job as a Chaired Professor at Penn State University. The family moved to Pennsylvania where they spent the next 28 years. However, all five of their children returned to California to attend Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula. Several met their future spouses there. One of them, Monica, met Peter Grimm of Pasadena.

Peter and Monica Grimm have been part of St. Therese Parish for almost 20 years. They, along with many of their twelve children, have played an active role in serving, singing, and ushering. They now live in the Pasadena home where Peter grew up, one of the seventeen children of Bill and Irene Grimm. We are grateful Monica enticed her parents to move back to California and—with the help of parishioner Jeff Talbot—buy a house, and be part of the St. Therese Parish family. Many of the Tittmanns’ thirty grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren also live in California. Their daughter Heidi, who earned a master’s in education at Penn State, lives with her parents. Up until May of 2023, Heidi taught at Saint Therese Carmelite School for six years, specializing in Euclidian Geometry. She and her dad enjoy participating on the STCS School Board and—a few years ago—Bernhard and Katharine were even given the Lantry Award in recognition of their service to the School!

The Tittmann Family is part of the rich 100-year history of St. Therese Parish.
Let us all walk with St. Therese as we journey together in faith during this centennial year.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*"Could you not watch
one hour with me?"*

Mark 14:37



"My sweetest joy is to be in the presence of Jesus in the holy Sacrament. I beg that when obliged to withdraw in body, I may leave my heart before the holy Sacrament."

—St. Katharine Drexel
(November 26, 1858 - March 3, 1955)

Katherine Drexel was raised in a loving Catholic family. Her parents were wealthy but had a great affinity for the poor and were known as great philanthropists. Growing up, **Katherine developed a great love for the Eucharist**. As she grew from girl to woman, she sensed the call to serve the Church. The local paper at that time carried the headline "Miss Drexel Enters a Catholic Convent—Gives up Seven Million." Eventually she founded a community of religious women called the Sisters of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The community was established to serve and assist the Black and Indian Missions in the United States. Katherine's life gives witness to the intense bond between Eucharistic devotion and the life of service.

Be a Committed Adorer: Make a commitment to spend an hour or more every week with Our Lord in our Adoration Chapel! Go to <https://adorationpro.org/thereseca> to sign up.

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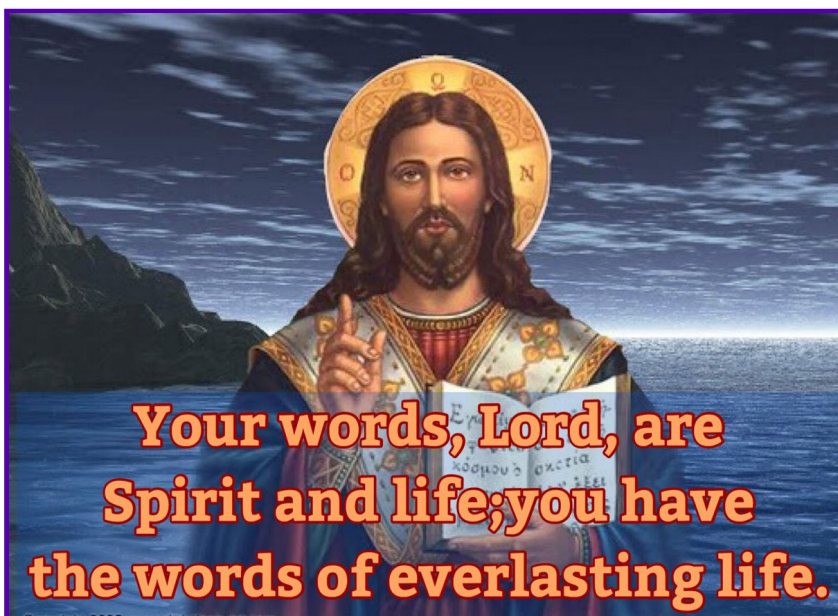
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A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

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RETROUVAILLE (retro-vai) may be what your marriage needs! It's a practical program to improve communication between couples, help rebuild trust, and provide tools to build stronger marriages and assist couples to reconnect.

The next weekend is April 5-7 in Los Angeles. Register early to reserve your spot!. Call 909-900-5465 or www.HelpOurMarriage.org.



- 1:25, For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

Mass Intentions

March 2—March 9, 2024

Saturday Evening

5:00 p.m.: Albert F. Macedonio, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Frances, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Goh and Cheah Families, INT

9:00 a.m.: Teresa & Tiburcio Buenavente, RIP

11:00 a.m.: McAllister Family, INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Pacita M. Piol, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Gilberto Gomez, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Carter & Fullenkamp Families, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Faustina, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Sophia Olomi, INT

7:15 p.m.: Jason Armando Arenas, Birthday INT

Tuesday

6:00 a.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Lim Ah Wee, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Monica Grimm, Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Sabrina Olomi, INT

*7:30 am: Sr. Mary, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Eulalia McEntire, RIP

Thursday

6:00 a.m.: Ernesto Bueno, RIP

*7:30 am: Maria Alejandra of Jesus, B-Day INT

8:00 a.m.: Maria Alejandra of Jesus, B-Day INT

First Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Wang-Shih Lin, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Kim Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Wai Ching Lee Kwong, RIP

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community INT

8:00 a.m.: Robert Kirin, RIP

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel (located at 215 East Alhambra Road).**

Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

Our livestreaming service will not be available until later as we are working to put the wiring underground. When we return, we'll livestream the daily 8:00 a.m. Mass and the homilies for the Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass and the Monday 7:15 evening Mass.

Outside the Parish

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF CALIFORNIA: "The Prayer of A Righteous Man" Men's Conference on **Sat., March 9**, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at St. Philip's, 151 S. Hill Ave., Pasadena. \$30 each includes breakfast and pizza lunch (FREE for men 18 to 25 years of age). Come hear inspiring talks by Bishop Nunes, Fr. Larry Richards, Fr. John Hopkins, Deacon Steve Greco—with Bud Macfarlane as the MC. To register, go to www.catholicmen.org/events.

BEREAVEMENT RETREAT: Are you struggling to find healing in your grief? Do you need help letting go? The only way to deal with grief is to grieve. **For help, come to the retreat at St. Brigid's Church in LA on Saturday, March 16**, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The cost of \$60 each covers a continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. **Please RSVP to Cathy Narvaez by Friday, March 8.** Payment may be made by Zelle (562-631-8844) and confirmed to bereavement.ministry@yahoo.com OR you may pay by cash or check mailed and dated by March 8, 2024, to St. Brigid's, 5214 South Western Avenue, LA 90062. **Please include your name, cell phone, email, the name of your deceased loved one, and your relationship to that person. Also bring two or three photocopied (not original) pictures of your loved one (up to 4x6 size) to use during the retreat.** (Cathy has been a bereavement minister since 2006 and is certified by the Archdiocese of L.A. and hospice care.)

CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE: The **Live Action Young Leaders Summit** will be a transformative event, propelling leaders into the forefront of the battle for cultural change on issues of sex, relationships, and abortion. This one-day summit is a rallying cry for champions of life. Hear from Live Action President Lila Rose and other dynamic speakers, including Allie Stuckey, Seth Dillon of the Babylon Bee, pro-life apologist and author Trent Horn, and many more! It will be on **Saturday, March 16**, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, at 16500 Scientific, Irvine 92618. \$20 per person, but **use the code YLSGROUP for 50% off.** Register at www.lifelinks.io/YLS.

CARMEHITE PILGRIMAGE TO FRENCH CANADA: St. Joseph Oratory, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Anne Beaupre, Cathedral -Basilica of Notre-Dame, and more... **August 23-30, 2024.** LAX to Montreal, Cost: \$3250 Double occupancy (\$150 off for early bird discount by April 15th). For more information contact: Louisa Day (323)360-5186 Or go to: www.sacredhearttours.com.

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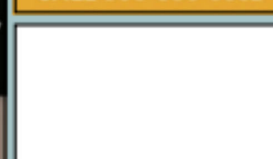
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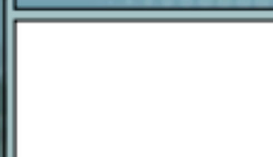
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